

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0022] with the following paragraph:

[0022] Referring now to Figure 3, base valve assembly 40 comprises a valve body 60, a pressure valve in the form of a rebound valve assembly 62, a compression valve assembly 64, a retaining bolt 66 and a retaining nut 68. Valve body 60 is secured to pressure tube 30 and end cap 56 by press fitting or by other methods known well in the art. End cap 56 is secured to reservoir 36 and it defines a plurality of fluid passages 70 which allow communication between reservoir chamber 54 and base valve assembly 40. Valve body 60 defines a plurality of rebound fluid passages 72, a plurality of compression fluid passages 74 and a central bore 78. Retaining bolt 66 extends through central bore 78 and threadingly engages retaining nut 68 to secure both rebound valve assembly 62 and compression valve assembly 64 to valve body 60.